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SUBJ: CONTACTS WITH HIGH-RANKING TURKISH

MILITARY ON OPIUM POPPY PROBLEM

FOR ACTING SECRETARY RUSH FROM AMBASSADOR MACOMBER

1. GENERAL CREIGHTON ABRAMS IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT TURKEY MAY 22-25 AS GUEST OF HIS TURKISH COUNTERPART. I BELIEVE HIS CONTACTS WITH TURKEY'S HIGH COMMAND AND DEFENSE MINISTRY SHOULD BE EXPLOITED AS A PARTICULARLY USEFUL VEHICLE FOR IMPRESSING KEY TURKS WITH SERIOUS PROSPECT OF CRISIS IN US-TURKISH RELATIONS IF OPIUM POPPY BAN LIFTED.

2. AS HE IS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON MAY 11 FOR A PRIOR VISIT TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND WILL ARRIVE HERE DURING MY ABSENCE FOR CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING, I HOPE YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO CALL GENERAL ABRAMS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO SUGGEST THAT, WHENEVER OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF DURING HIS PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS IN TURKEY, HE LET TURKS KNOW HIS DEEP CONCERN OVER SEVERE DAMAGE TO OUR SECURITY RELATIONS THAT WOULD FLOW FROM DECISION TO RESCIND POPPY BAN. HE SHOULD, I BELIEVE, TAKE ROLE OF "WORRIED FRIEND", AND SHOULD CITE CERTAINTY THAT STRONG CONGRESSIONAL REACTION WOULD TIE HANDS OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH. HE CAN, OF COURSE, COUNT ON THIS EMBASSY TO PROVIDE HIM WITH ADEQUATE BACKGROUND.

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